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**AGENCY OVERVIEW****602 Department of Agriculture**

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North Dakota Century Code Chapters 4-01, 4-05.1, 4-09, 4-12.2, 4-3.1, 4-13.2, 4-14, 4-14.1, 4-14.2, 4-21.1, 4-27, 4-28, 4-30, 4-32, 4-33, 4-35, 4-35.1, 4-37, 4-38, 4-39, 4-40, 4-41, 4.1-14, 4.1-47, 6-09.10, 19-13.1, 19-14, 19-18, 19-20.1, 19-20.2, 36-01, 36-04, 36-05, 36-05.1, 36-07, 36-14, 36-14.1, 36-15, 36-21.1, 36-24, 36.25, 61.31 and 63-01.1.

**Agency Description**

The commissioner is statutorily responsible for enforcing laws and regulations pertaining to pesticides, livestock sales, dairy production, noxious weed control, plant export certification and beekeeping. The commissioner is also responsible for the registration of pesticides, fertilizers, animal feeds and veterinary medicines; the administration of fair and timely mediation services to farmers and ranchers; the collection and elimination of unusable pesticides; the promotion and marketing of North Dakota products; and the administration of a state meat inspection program. The responsibilities have expanded to include a leadership role in the formation of policies affecting the state's agricultural industries; the advocacy of the needs and concerns of farmers and ranchers on state and national levels; and the distribution of information concerning agricultural issues to the Governor, legislature and the general public. The agriculture commissioner works collaboratively with the Board of Animal Health to protect the health of domestic animals and nontraditional livestock of the state.

**Agency Mission Statement**

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture fosters the long-term well-being of North Dakota by promoting a healthy economic, environmental and social climate for agriculture and the rural community through leadership, advocacy, education, regulation and other services. To carry out its mandate, the North Dakota Department of Agriculture is committed to the following responsibilities:

- Serving as an advocate for family farmers and ranchers and for the rural community.
- Providing services that ensure safe, high-quality and marketable agricultural products.
- Developing and expanding markets for agricultural commodities and value-added products.
- Reducing the risk of financial loss to agricultural producers and to buyers and sellers of agricultural commodities.
- Safeguarding livestock and other domestic animals from communicable diseases.
- Ensuring compliance with laws administered by the Department of Agriculture through understandable regulations, information, education and even-handed enforcement.
- Ensuring human safety and a healthy environment through proper use of pesticides.
- Verifying the contents of pesticides, fertilizers, soil conditioners, animal feeds and veterinary medicines.
- Reducing agricultural losses from noxious weeds, predatory animals, insects and diseases.
- Gathering and disseminating information concerning agriculture to the general public.
- Providing fair and timely dispute resolution services to agricultural producers, creditors and others.

**Agency Performance Measures**

The agency performance measures are reflected within the performance measure section for each division.

**Major Accomplishments**

1. Reorganized the Agriculture Department into six divisions: administration; pesticides, feed and fertilizer; plant protection; business development; state veterinarian; and livestock services.
2. Chaired the first-ever annual joint meeting of the state's commodity groups. The agenda included presentations by the department's business development staff on the current situation for North Dakota agricultural exports and on the department's 2010 plans for trade shows and trade missions.
3. Requested and obtained a university study to help North Dakota farmers, ranchers and farm organizations better understand the economic impact and other possible effects of proposed federal legislation establishing a "cap and trade" system for greenhouse gases.
4. Called and chaired first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Agriculture to provide ideas and advice on developing a sustainable agriculture certification program and on the marketing and packaging of certified products.

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5. Helped draft and pass "Meat the Need" at National Association of State Departments of Agriculture to help U.S. pork and dairy producers.
6. Collected more than 100 tons of unusable pesticides – a near record – for transport out of North Dakota through Project Safe Send. More than 500 people brought in a total of 205,021 pounds, compared to last year's record of 215,521 pounds.
7. Conducted the Commissioner's Pesticide Forum, bringing together stakeholders, interested individuals and government to discuss pest management and pesticide issues.
8. Called on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to give greater emphasis to controlling noxious weeds along the shores of Lake Oahe.
9. Issued warnings about increasing infestations of absinthe wormwood and the appearance of a new invasive weed – halogeton.
10. Declared yellow toadflax a noxious weed and removed yellow starthistle and field bindweed from the state's noxious weed list.
11. Developed and implemented a new weed seed-free forage program.
12. Oversaw successful investigation of a bovine TB case in southwestern North Dakota. Case is now closed, and the state's TB-free status remains intact.
13. Launched the Hunger-Free North Dakota Garden Project with a 2010 goal to grow and distribute a half million pounds of fresh food to needy individuals and communities with limited sources of fresh produce.
14. Developed a grant program for qualifying wineries to promote and develop the state's growing wine industry.

**Future Critical Issues**

Agriculture is the single most important component of North Dakota's economy and society. Future critical issues include development of national and international agricultural policies, especially a new Farm Bill; the ability of producers to contend with increasingly numerous and complex federal regulations; the growing demand for agriculture-based renewable energy, including ethanol, biodiesel, wind and biomass; environmental concerns and policies including the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, livestock waste/nutrient management, worker protection and on-farm petroleum product storage; developing new and better risk management tools to enable producers to protect their investments; the increasing demand for marketing assistance through the Pride of Dakota program; the increasing public concern about the use of agriculture chemicals needed by farmers to control pests and diseases; the development of livestock and dairy infrastructure to assist rural communities, and increasing public concern over animal welfare standards.

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Description	Expenditures 2007-2009 Biennium	Present Budget 2009-2011	Budget Request Change	Requested Budget 2011-2013 Biennium	Optional Budget Request
<b>By Major Program</b>					
Administrative Services	3,289,783	3,702,425	(176,592)	3,525,833	(190,597)
Plant Industries	2,571,764	3,649,277	(226,479)	3,422,798	53,380
Livestock Development	4,410,684	6,075,470	180,698	6,256,168	348,200
Business Development	1,329,684	2,081,630	664,892	2,746,522	845,229
State Veterinarian	1,815,988	2,808,825	(982,940)	1,825,885	149,643
Pesticide, Feed and Fertilizer	2,398,864	3,411,222	(308,570)	3,102,652	0
<b>Total Major Program</b>	<b>15,816,767</b>	<b>21,728,849</b>	<b>(848,991)</b>	<b>20,879,858</b>	<b>1,205,855</b>
<b>By Line Item</b>					
Salaries and Wages	6,500,292	8,733,196	(231,412)	8,501,784	439,497
Operating Expenses	3,977,800	6,094,603	227,358	6,321,961	268,515
Capital Assets	11,878	5,000	12,000	17,000	0
Grants	2,407,998	2,969,825	126,003	3,095,828	0
Board of Animal Health	1,815,988	2,808,825	(982,940)	1,825,885	149,643
Wildlife Services	1,079,000	1,067,400	0	1,067,400	348,200
Crop Harmonization Board	23,811	50,000	0	50,000	0
<b>Total Line Items</b>	<b>15,816,767</b>	<b>21,728,849</b>	<b>(848,991)</b>	<b>20,879,858</b>	<b>1,205,855</b>
<b>By Funding Source</b>					
General Fund	5,797,657	7,547,383	(143,264)	7,404,119	1,205,855
Federal Funds	5,452,738	8,232,357	(849,056)	7,383,301	0
Special Funds	4,566,372	5,949,109	143,329	6,092,438	0
<b>Total Funding Source</b>	<b>15,816,767</b>	<b>21,728,849</b>	<b>(848,991)</b>	<b>20,879,858</b>	<b>1,205,855</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>67.50</b>	<b>74.50</b>	<b>(1.00)</b>	<b>73.50</b>	<b>3.00</b>

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<b>Salaries and Wages</b>					
Salaries - Permanent	4,718,623	6,195,111	(184,691)	6,010,420	239,976
Temporary Salaries	105,928	125,523	52,653	178,176	228,792
Overtime	15,393	5,323	(5,323)	0	0
Fringe Benefits	1,660,348	2,407,239	(94,051)	2,313,188	147,326
Reduction In Salary Budget	0	0	0	0	(176,597)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,500,292</b>	<b>8,733,196</b>	<b>(231,412)</b>	<b>8,501,784</b>	<b>439,497</b>
<b>Salaries and Wages</b>					
General Fund	3,671,051	4,433,551	160,422	4,593,973	439,497
Federal Funds	2,055,509	2,883,954	(573,714)	2,310,240	0
Special Funds	773,732	1,415,691	181,880	1,597,571	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,500,292</b>	<b>8,733,196</b>	<b>(231,412)</b>	<b>8,501,784</b>	<b>439,497</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Travel	919,558	1,324,133	102,069	1,426,202	34,500
Supplies - IT Software	70,184	136,304	(77,906)	58,398	6,300
Supply/Material-Professional	13,957	22,618	106,040	128,658	0
Food and Clothing	6,787	5,681	887	6,568	0
Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	824	1,626	3	1,629	0
Miscellaneous Supplies	118,419	157,742	43,457	201,199	1,800
Office Supplies	27,076	37,583	2,158	39,741	5,000
Postage	71,207	86,256	(5,475)	80,781	3,700
Printing	81,461	99,744	22,474	122,218	7,000
IT Equip Under \$5,000	82,881	117,731	(28,383)	89,348	13,000
Other Equip Under \$5,000	7,347	2,663	(347)	2,316	0
Office Equip & Furn Supplies	40,198	53,203	(20,749)	32,454	9,000
Insurance	6,549	9,510	59	9,569	0
Rentals/Leases-Equip & Other	0	2,039	(39)	2,000	0
Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	221,981	453,737	43,007	496,744	42,130
Repairs	8,177	10,896	(308)	10,588	0
IT - Data Processing	95,544	148,015	34,486	182,501	7,632
IT - Communications	97,120	138,578	(10,034)	128,544	7,776
IT Contractual Svcs and Rprs	22,312	22,277	69,742	92,019	0
Professional Development	122,820	227,634	(79,298)	148,336	(10,000)
Operating Fees and Services	1,907,520	2,956,856	19,656	2,976,512	677
Fees - Professional Services	50,596	70,777	6,430	77,207	140,000
Medical, Dental and Optical	140	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	5,142	9,000	(571)	8,429	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,977,800</b>	<b>6,094,603</b>	<b>227,358</b>	<b>6,321,961</b>	<b>268,515</b>

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<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
General Fund	1,038,282	1,372,175	27,961	1,400,136	268,515
Federal Funds	1,573,551	2,825,847	176,978	3,002,825	0
Special Funds	1,365,967	1,896,581	22,419	1,919,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,977,800</b>	<b>6,094,603</b>	<b>227,358</b>	<b>6,321,961</b>	<b>268,515</b>
<b>Capital Assets</b>					
Equipment Over \$5000	11,878	5,000	12,000	17,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,878</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Capital Assets</b>					
General Fund	5,166	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	5,000	(5,000)	0	0
Special Funds	6,712	0	17,000	17,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,878</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grants</b>					
Grants, Benefits & Claims	2,407,998	2,969,825	126,003	3,095,828	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,407,998</b>	<b>2,969,825</b>	<b>126,003</b>	<b>3,095,828</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grants</b>					
General Fund	158,667	317,817	(67,817)	250,000	0
Federal Funds	930,308	1,086,134	344,420	1,430,554	0
Special Funds	1,319,023	1,565,874	(150,600)	1,415,274	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,407,998</b>	<b>2,969,825</b>	<b>126,003</b>	<b>3,095,828</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Board of Animal Health</b>					
Salaries - Permanent	779,718	986,292	(228,876)	757,416	0
Temporary Salaries	90,651	100,829	(9,917)	90,912	85,512
Overtime	2,765	200	(200)	0	0
Fringe Benefits	256,396	343,024	(62,294)	280,730	32,163
Travel	84,596	234,870	(86,234)	148,636	6,000
Supplies - IT Software	9,061	42,607	(30,607)	12,000	650
Supply/Material-Professional	8,085	1,844	2,198	4,042	0
Food and Clothing	6,081	0	3,040	3,040	0
Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	1,810	51	854	905	0
Miscellaneous Supplies	10,510	8,480	3,607	12,087	0
Office Supplies	3,226	5,136	(3,523)	1,613	0

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Postage	11,633	31,779	(20,147)	11,632	1,000
Printing	11,228	10,326	(4,712)	5,614	0
IT Equip Under \$5,000	65,181	700	10,500	11,200	1,500
Other Equip Under \$5,000	1,950	17,500	(1,948)	15,552	0
Office Equip & Furn Supplies	2,484	1,990	(748)	1,242	1,500
Insurance	1,567	4,828	(3,104)	1,724	0
Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	16,930	27,786	(9,162)	18,624	0
Repairs	2,486	4,542	(3,299)	1,243	2,000
IT - Data Processing	93,174	123,085	22,211	145,296	1,272
IT - Communications	18,807	60,710	(45,254)	15,456	1,296
IT Contractual Svcs and Rprs	796	3,138	1,862	5,000	0
Professional Development	26,761	99,161	(72,401)	26,760	16,750
Operating Fees and Services	136,047	367,155	(265,120)	102,035	0
Fees - Professional Services	131,951	282,802	(183,839)	98,963	0
Medical, Dental and Optical	24,695	49,990	4,173	54,163	0
Equipment Over \$5000	17,399	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,815,988</b>	<b>2,808,825</b>	<b>(982,940)</b>	<b>1,825,885</b>	<b>149,643</b>

### Board of Animal Health

General Fund	684,491	1,125,240	(263,830)	861,410	149,643
Federal Funds	893,370	1,431,422	(791,740)	639,682	0
Special Funds	238,127	252,163	72,630	324,793	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,815,988</b>	<b>2,808,825</b>	<b>(982,940)</b>	<b>1,825,885</b>	<b>149,643</b>

### Wildlife Services

Travel	1,063	0	0	0	0
Operating Fees and Services	1,077,462	1,067,400	0	1,067,400	348,200
Fees - Professional Services	475	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,079,000</b>	<b>1,067,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,067,400</b>	<b>348,200</b>

### Wildlife Services

General Fund	240,000	298,600	0	298,600	348,200
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	839,000	768,800	0	768,800	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,079,000</b>	<b>1,067,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,067,400</b>	<b>348,200</b>

### Crop Harmonization Board

Salaries - Permanent	3,373	3,732	(3,732)	0	0
Fringe Benefits	972	1,268	(1,268)	0	0

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Travel	175	7,898	(5,898)	2,000	0
Office Supplies	74	145	155	300	0
Postage	3	134	16	150	0
Repairs	0	6	0	6	0
IT - Communications	0	26	(26)	0	0
Operating Fees and Services	18,617	36,591	10,603	47,194	0
Fees - Professional Services	597	200	150	350	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,811</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Crop Harmonization Board</b>					
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	23,811	50,000	0	50,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,811</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>					
General Fund	5,797,657	7,547,383	(143,264)	7,404,119	1,205,855
Federal Funds	5,452,738	8,232,357	(849,056)	7,383,301	0
Special Funds	4,566,372	5,949,109	143,329	6,092,438	0
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>15,816,767</b>	<b>21,728,849</b>	<b>(848,991)</b>	<b>20,879,858</b>	<b>1,205,855</b>

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Description	Priority	FTE	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds	Total Funds
<b><u>Base Budget Changes</u></b>						
<b>One Time Budget Changes</b>						
A-E 6 Unfunding of Johnes Program		0.00	(275,500)	0	0	(275,500)
<b>Total One Time Budget Changes</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>(275,500)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(275,500)</b>
<b>Ongoing Budget Changes</b>						
A-A 1 Operating Adjustment		0.00	27,961	(231,175)	29,419	(173,795)
A-A 2 Ag in the Classroom Grant Line Adjustment		0.00	0	0	(150,600)	(150,600)
A-A 3 Noxious Weeds Capital Assets		0.00	0	0	17,000	17,000
A-A 4 Grant Line Adjustments		0.00	(67,817)	(271,134)	0	(338,951)
A-A 5 Grant Line Adjustment		0.00	0	615,554	0	615,554
A-F 19 Capital Assets		0.00	0	(5,000)	0	(5,000)
Base Payroll Change		(1.00)	172,092	(957,301)	247,510	(537,699)
<b>Total Ongoing Budget Changes</b>		<b>(1.00)</b>	<b>132,236</b>	<b>(849,056)</b>	<b>143,329</b>	<b>(573,491)</b>
<b>Total Base Budget Changes</b>		<b>(1.00)</b>	<b>(143,264)</b>	<b>(849,056)</b>	<b>143,329</b>	<b>(848,991)</b>

**Optional Budget Changes****Ongoing Optional Changes**

A-C 7 Sustainable Agriculture Program (1 FTE)	2	1.00	288,347	0	0	288,347
A-C 8 Transportation Research Specialist (1 FTE)	3	1.00	133,809	0	0	133,809
A-C 9 Outreach Specialist	4	0.00	107,991	0	0	107,991
A-C 10 Pride of Dakota Specialists (1 FTE)	5	1.00	157,235	0	0	157,235
A-C 20 Funding for Pride of Dakota specialist	6	0.00	67,005	0	0	67,005
A-C 11 Local Foods Initiative	7	0.00	122,369	0	0	122,369
A-C 12 Board of Animal Health Administrative Support	8	0.00	84,647	0	0	84,647
A-C 13 Reserve Corps Veterinarian Program	9	0.00	64,996	0	0	64,996
A-C 14 Emerald Ash Borer / Nursery Inspection Program	10	0.00	26,240	0	0	26,240
A-C 15 Apiary Inspection Program	11	0.00	27,140	0	0	27,140
A-C 21 Wildlife Services	12	0.00	348,200	0	0	348,200



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Total Ongoing Optional Changes		3.00	1,427,979	0	0	1,427,979
Total Optional Budget Changes		3.00	1,427,979	0	0	1,427,979
<b><u>Optional Savings Changes</u></b>						
A-G 16 Agricultural Mediation Service	1	0.00	(124,780)	0	0	(124,780)
A-G 17 Business Development	1	0.00	(31,527)	0	0	(31,527)
A-G 18 Salaries	1	0.00	(65,817)	0	0	(65,817)
Total Optional Savings Changes		0.00	(222,124)	0	0	(222,124)

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<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 1	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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Operating Adjustment

This request has been adjusted to better reflect projected in the 2011 2013 biennium.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 2	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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Ag in the Classroom Grant Line Adjustment

The change better reflects the projected funds to be secured through Council fundraising efforts.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 3	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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Noxious Weeds Capital Assets

The request provides funds to replace a plotter used to map noxious weeds.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 4	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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Grant Line Adjustments

This request has been adjusted to better reflect projected spending in the 2011 2013 biennium.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 5	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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Grant Line Adjustment

The 2008 Farm Bill provided a drastic increase in specialty crop grants.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 7	<b>Priority:</b> 2
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Sustainable Agriculture Program (1 FTE)

This provides state funds for one FTE and operating to implement a program to promote agriculture commodities that are sustainably grown in North Dakota. NDCC 4 01 23 becomes effective July 1, 2011. There are no funds in the department's base budget designated for this program.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 8	<b>Priority:</b> 3
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Transportation Research Specialist (1 FTE)

Agriculture is the largest user of freight transportation in the United States (USDA, 2010). Railroads transport more than 70 percent of the commodities produced in North Dakota (USDA, 2010). This position funds one FTE and operating to research the transportation industry trends, policy, and rates impacting North Dakota's agriculture industry.

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## Outreach Specialist

This position funds a full time temporary position and operating to provide critical outreach activities to enhance communication with the agriculture industry and the general public.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 10	<b>Priority:</b> 5
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## Pride of Dakota Specialists (1 FTE)

This proposes to add 1 FTE and funding for operating to increase business development and marketing service to the over 400 member companies of Pride of Dakota.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 11	<b>Priority:</b> 7
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## Local Foods Initiative

This provides funding to add one full-time temporary employee and operating to assist with the development and implementation of a comprehensive local foods initiative that entails all major elements to support a viable local foods industry in North Dakota.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 12	<b>Priority:</b> 8
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## Board of Animal Health Administrative Support

This provides state funds to replace federal funds to maintain one administrative support FTE. Federal funds have declined and become more restrictive. This position is necessary to support the Johnes disease program and disease traceability, issue animal health import permits, and provide administrative support for animal welfare issues and other BOAH duties.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 13	<b>Priority:</b> 9
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## Reserve Corps Veterinarian Program

This provides state funds to replace federal funds to maintain the Reserve Corps Veterinarian Program. The RVC is a group of 20 veterinarians who receive annual training to assist BOAH and respond to animal health emergencies. The BOAH has one of the smallest animal health departments in the country. It is imperative that this program remains in place.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 14	<b>Priority:</b> 10
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## Emerald Ash Borer / Nursery Inspection Program

This provides state funds to fund part time staff and operating to assist with conducting critical emerald ash borer inspection and survey work. EAB's presence in Minnesota creates an enormous threat to North Dakota's ash tree population. This staff person will also assist with plant pest surveys to enable export certification and nursery dealer inspections.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 15	<b>Priority:</b> 11
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## Apiary Inspection Program

The beekeeping industry nationally is threatened by bee diseases and Colony Collapse Disorder that have devastated many beekeepers. This would provide additional funds for one new summer temporary employee and operating to protect and maintain our bee industry, and investigate complaints. Currently, we have two part-time inspectors for the entire state.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 20	<b>Priority:</b> 6
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## Funding for Pride of Dakota specialist

This request is to fund salaries for Position No. 00012626. This .5 FTE will provide business development and marketing services to the over 400 member companies of Pride of Dakota.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> C	<b>Change No:</b> 21	<b>Priority:</b> 12
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## Wildlife Services

Due to the reduction of federal funding, increased inflationary business costs and an increased demand for service, the ND Wildlife Service budget needs additional funding to adequately provide sufficient services.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> E	<b>Change No:</b> 6	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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## Unfunding of Johnes Program

The 2009 Legislature provided 275,500 in funding for the Johnes Program.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> F	<b>Change No:</b> 19	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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## Capital Assets

This removes the 2009 2011 capital assets for the noxious weed ATV.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> G	<b>Change No:</b> 16	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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## Agricultural Mediation Service

This change removes all general funds from Ag Mediation as part of optional savings package. AMS provides dispute resolution services for farmers and ranchers. The program assists more than 200 producers each year. The achievement measure of mediation is the rate of agreements which avoid formal administrative appeals, foreclosures and bankruptcies. This program is funded 70% federal funds and 30% state funds. Loss of the general funds places the program's future in jeopardy.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> G	<b>Change No:</b> 17	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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## Business Development

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This change removes general funds from the wine promotion program as part of optional savings package. Reduction of funds for this program will decrease promotion of North Dakota's growing wine industry and reduce or eliminate mini-grants to North Dakota wineries.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> G	<b>Change No:</b> 18	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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**Salaries**

This change removes general funds from salaries as part of optional savings package. This reduction in salary dollars will impact the funding for one Account Budget Specialist in Fiscal Management. This important position is key to alleviating the workload in processing the increasing number of federal grants and assisting with procurement processes in the department.

<b>Change Group:</b> R	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 1	<b>Priority:</b>
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**Rent Adjustment**

Reduces the base budget for rent by \$20,000 from the general fund.

The 2009 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$120,000 from the general fund for leasing additional office space and renovation of the existing offices in the State Capitol building. Renovations and relocation have been completed. Actual ongoing expenses for rent and related operating expenses are approximately \$100,000, \$20,000 less than was initially approved.

<b>Change Group:</b> R	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 2	<b>Priority:</b>
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**Sustainable Agriculture**

Approves \$288,347 from the general fund for 1.0 FTE and related operating expenses for the sustainable agriculture program.

Effective 7/1/2011, NDCC 4-01-23 requires the Agriculture Commissioner to implement a program to promote agricultural commodities that are sustainably grown in North Dakota. The approved funding provides the necessary resources to fulfill this requirement.

<b>Change Group:</b> R	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 3	<b>Priority:</b>
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**Pride of Dakota Specialist Funding**

Authorizes \$67,005 from the general fund for a 0.50 FTE Pride of Dakota specialist to increase business development and marketing services to the member companies. The department will utilize an existing partial FTE for this position.

<b>Change Group:</b> R	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 4	<b>Priority:</b>
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**Board of Animal Health Administrative Support**

Replaces federal funds with \$84,647 from the general fund to maintain one administrative support position in the Board of Animal Health (BOAH).

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Fewer federal grant opportunities have been offered and at considerably lower amounts than in past years.. State support is required to support this position, which is necessary for ongoing BOAH operations.

<b>Change Group:</b> R	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 5	<b>Priority:</b>
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Reserve Corps Veterinarian Program

Provides \$64,996 from the general fund to maintain the reserve corps veterinarian program that was previously funded with federal dollars.

The Reserve Veterinarian Corps is a group of 20 veterinarians who receive training to assist the Board of Animal health with response to animal health emergencies throughout the state.

<b>Change Group:</b> R	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 6	<b>Priority:</b>
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Emerald Ash Borer / Nursery Inspection

Authorizes \$26,240 from the general fund to support the emerald ash borer and nursery inspection programs.

Part-time employees and operating dollars will be utilized to conduct critical emerald ash borer inspections and survey work. Additionally, the part-time employees will assist with plant pest surveys to enable export certifications and nursery dealer inspections.

<b>Change Group:</b> R	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 7	<b>Priority:</b>
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Apiary Inspection Program

Provides \$27,140 from the general fund for a part-time seasonal employee to assist with complaint investigation and colony inspections that are critical to address colony collapse disorder that is threatening the beekeeping industry.

<b>Change Group:</b> R	<b>Change Type:</b> A	<b>Change No:</b> 8	<b>Priority:</b>
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Transportation Research

Adds \$50,000 from the general fund to contracted research of the transportation trends, policies, and rates impacting North Dakota's agriculture industry.